(C) the number of bidders, the sale price of the foodgrains and the quantity-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) As per the information now received, 226 tonnes of rice and 81 tonnes of wheat was distributed free of cost in Uttaranchal for preparation of cattle feed.

(b) The above quantities of foodgrains were issued to Pashu Ahar Nirmanshala, Rudrapur (Udham Singh Nagar) which is an undertaking of the Government of Uttaranchal, for preparation of cattle feed. According to the utilization certificate furnished by the said undertaking, the quantities of foodgrains received by them from FCI during 2001-2002, were utilized for preparation of cattle feed only and not for any other purpose.

(c) 136.9 tonnes of rice was disposed of through tender to M/s. Ganesh Ind. Chamber, Mumbai @Rs.251.99 per qtl.

Setting up of Consumer Courts

4557. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance made to the State Governments for setting up of consumer courts during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the financial assistance made to Tamil Nadu during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Central Government have not provided any financial assistance to the States/UTs for setting up of consumer forums. However, to supplement their efforts, the Central Government have provided One-Time-Grant of Rs. 61.80 crores to the States and UTs to strengthen the infrastructure of the consumer forums during the period 1995-99. One-Time-Grant of Rs. 2.70 crores has been provided to the Government of Tamil Nadu during the said period.